

State of South Carolina

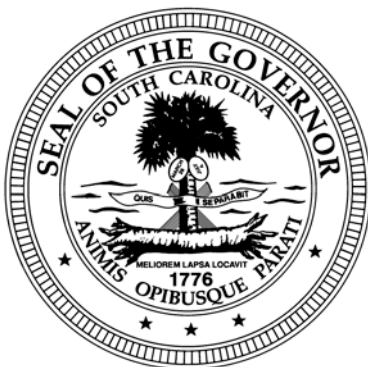
Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded by the United States Department of Energy in Washington, DC, in 1976 in response to the energy shortage to help low-income families have more energy efficient, safe, and healthy homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, primarily in cooperation with the state's local Community Action Agencies, delivers Weatherization services in the field; and
- WHEREAS,** since the inception of the program in 1976, Weatherization has reduced energy costs for over 30,000 South Carolina households; and
- WHEREAS,** Weatherization has improved home energy efficiency and produced energy cost reductions averaging 25 percent during the winter of 2002 for more than 1,400 low-income homes in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** with projected rises in energy costs, the 2003 observance of National Weatherization Day provides an important opportunity to increase public awareness of the positive impact of Weatherization on the economic well-being of our residents and on the conservation of our energy resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2003, as

WEATHERIZATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of the Weatherization Program on the quality of life of the residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA